Checking AMCS Vitals: Airman Satisfaction Survey 2014 Results

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Respondent Demographics

36% of invited airmen (n=3,703) participated.

- All domestic regions represented in survey data with minimal fluctuations in response rates.
- Certificate applied for:
 - 18% Class I (↓2)
 - 29% Class II
 - 53% Class III (↑2)
- Pilot certificate held
 - 46% Commercial (↑1)
 - 40% Private
 - 33% Airline Transport

- Ratings held
 - 72% IFR (↑24)
 - 28% CFI
 - 22% 'Other'
 - 19% Do not hold any rating

Respondent Demographics

75% of airmen (n=2,698) are NOT employed as a pilot at the time of survey completion.

- Airmen employed with certificated operators conducting flights under:
 - 40% part 91 (↑1)
 - 28% part 121 (↓5)
 - 19% part 135 (↑1)
 - 14% other part or operation (↑2)
 - 6% part 61 (↓2)

Respondent Demographics

53% of airmen applied within the past 6 months.

- The majority of airman (90%) contacted only 1 AME-the top 3 reasons they chose the AME are:
 - Performed previous exam (54%, ↓2)
 - Nearest location (26%, ↓4)
 - Referred by pilot (19%, ↓1)
- Year of most recent medical certification:
 - -45% 2014
 - -35% 2013
 - **14% 2012**
 - -7% 2011



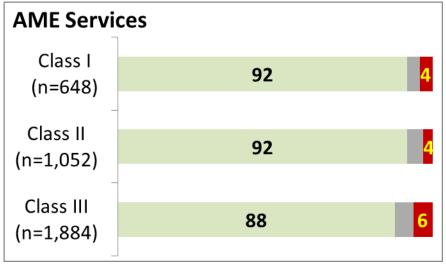
Trends in Airman Satisfaction

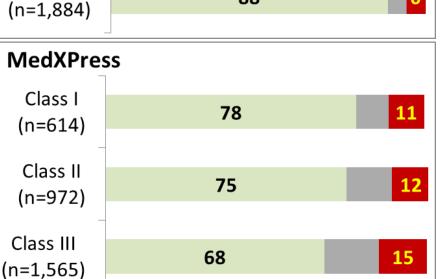
	Rate	Trend
AME services (n=3,584)	90%	↑3
Exam appointment (n=3,616)	88%	1
Performance of MedXPress (n=3,151)	72%	16
FAA medical representative services (n=632)	29%	↓17

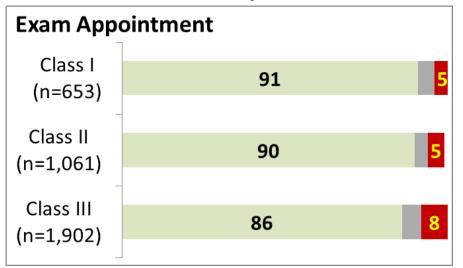
Satisfaction Rates (%) by Cert Class

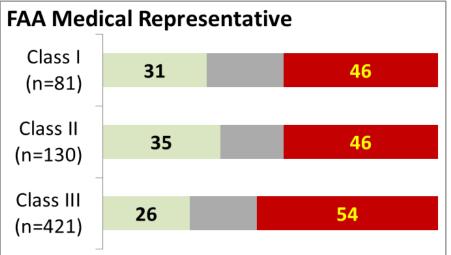
Very Satisfied/Satisfied

Neither Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied









Why Airmen Are Dissatisfied

	Rate	Top 3 Reasons
AME services	5% (↓3)	52% - Certificate not issued during appointment 49% - Not informed of additional documents required by FAA to issue 43% - Other
Exam appointment	7% (↓3)	57% - Certificate not issued during appointment 18% - Exam not thorough 17% - Not treated courteously/respectfully
FAA medical representative services	52% (15)	57% - Poor communication of where app was in review process 56% - Review took too long 44% - Other

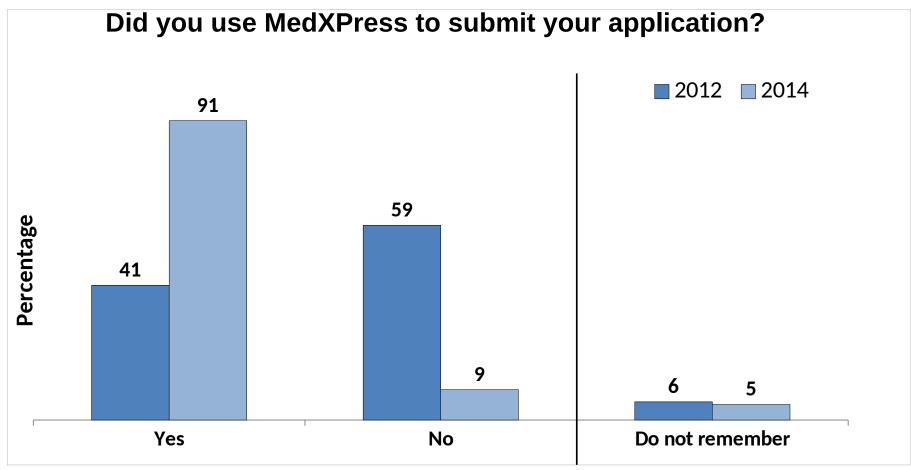


Use of MedXPress

91% of airmen applied (↑50) through MedXPress.

- Of the applicants using MedXPress...
 - 72% were satisfied/very satisfied
- Only 6% of AMEs (n=119) reportedly did NOT access MedXPress during the exam – why:
 - 69% other reason
 - 21% AME did not require MedXPress
 - 5% did not have their confirmation number
 - 3% AME did not accept MedXPress

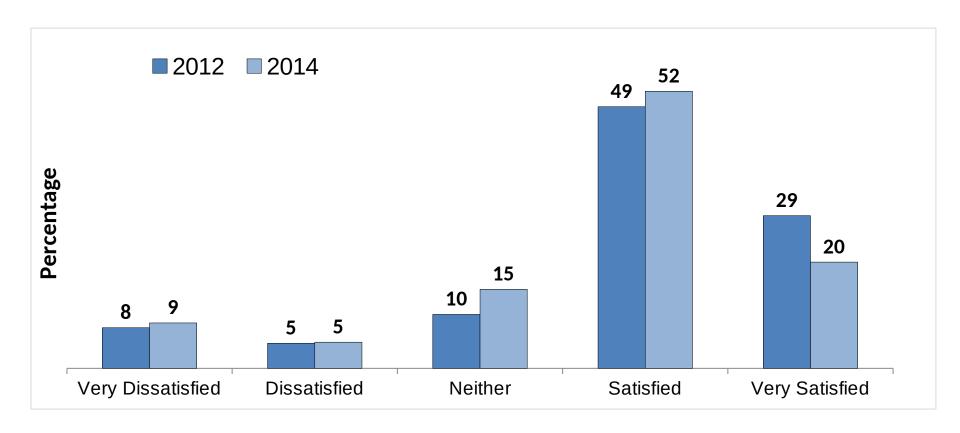
Use of MedXPress



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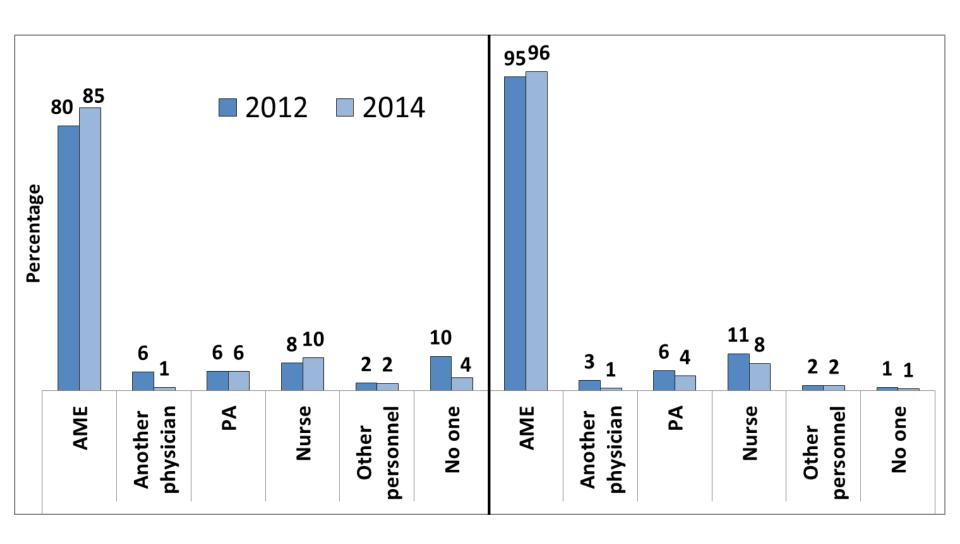
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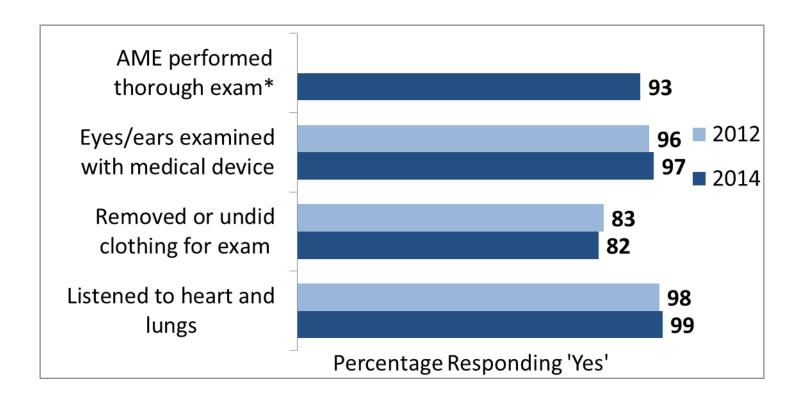
Overall how satisfied were you with the performance of MedXPress?



Were you told to bring the following to your exam appointment?	% No, but needed	% Yes	% No, not needed
MedXPress confirmation number	4	88	8
Valid photo ID	7	79	14
MedXPress Summary Sheet printout	7	72	22
List of meds	9	68	24
Medical history details	12	62	27
Current medical tests/labs	12	40	49
Past medical tests/labs	12	31	56
SI paperwork	10	29	60
SODA paperwork	10	12	78







^{*} Not assessed in 2012



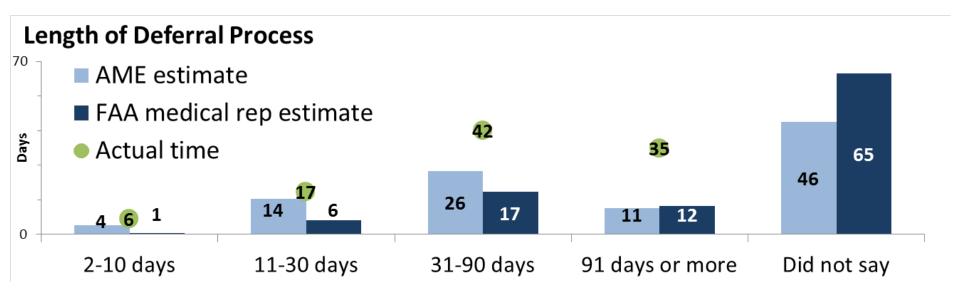
	2012*	2014*	Δ
Treated with courtesy/respect	92	92	
Examined in a professional setting	89	90	1
Information provided was accurate	84	85	1
Provided all requested information	82	84	↑3
Information provided in a timely manner	82	84	↑2
AME charged appropriately for services	71	75	↑4
Clearly explained airman responsibilities	72	73	↑2

^{*}Considerable/Great extent



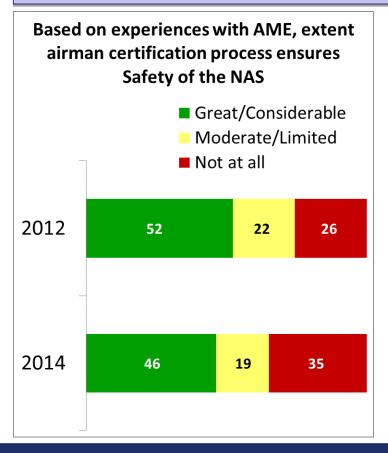
Medical Certification Process

89% of applicants not issued certificate at exam had application deferred to RFS or AMCD.



Medical Certification Process

Fewer applicants (□6) link the airman certification process to ensuring the safety of the NAS based on their most recent AME experiences.



Reasons given by the 54% (n=1,909) indicating moderate, limited, or not at all:

- 15% deters pilots from applying
- 14% encourages pilots to be dishonest
- 14% exam not comprehensive
- 10% exam not thorough
- 47% provided other reason(s)

Closing Comments

Expedited processing is key to service quality.

- Clearly communicate required supporting medical documentation to airmen applicants.
 - Inform AMEs of the value of requesting and reviewing the MedXPress summary sheet prior to an airman's appointment to inform them of documentation to bring to their exam.
 - Upon decision to defer to RFS or AMCD, applicants would like information of what and when supporting documentation is required.
- Rely on electronic media to share information with applicants on deferral status.

Questions or Comments?